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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: **Shunsuke SHUTOU**

Art Unit: **2881**

Application Number: **10/579,467**

Examiner: **Charles Chang**

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For: **RETARDATION FILM, METHOD FOR MANUFACTURING
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LAMINATED RETARDATION FILM, OPTICAL FILM, AND
IMAGE DISPLAY APPARATUS**

Attorney Docket Number: **062096**
Customer Number: **38834**

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION/ELECTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P. O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

June 16, 2008

Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action dated June 2, 2008.

In the Office Action, restriction is required between the following groups:

Group I claims 1-5, 17-18, 21-25, drawn to a retardation film with particular characteristics;

Group IIA claims 6-16, drawn to a particular method for manufacturing a retardation film; or

Group IIB claims 19-20, 26-30, drawn to a particular method for manufacturing a laminated retardation film.

Applicant(s) hereby elect(s) the subject matter of **Group I, Claims 1-5, 17-18, and 21-25**, for prosecution in this application. This election is made **without traverse**, and it is understood that Applicants' rights to the filing of a divisional application directed to the non-elected subject matter under 35 U.S.C. §120 and 35 U.S.C. §121 are retained.

Also, in the Office Action, election is required between the following species:

- A. specifics of a liquid crystal display (claim 24), and
- B. specifics of an electroluminescence display, organic electroluminescence display, plasma display, field emission display (claim 25).

Applicant(s) hereby elect(s) the subject matter of Species A. This election is made without traverse. It is believed that Claims 1-22 and 24-30 read on the elected species.

It is understood that Applicants' rights to the filing of a divisional application directed to the non-elected subject matter under 35 U.S.C. §120 and 35 U.S.C. §121 are retained.

If this paper is not timely filed, Applicant(s) respectfully petition(s) for an appropriate extension of time. The fees for such an extension or any other fees that may be due with respect to this paper may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-2866.

Respectfully submitted,

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